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TO: COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: ENCLOSED CAB NATIONAL STANDARD
ESTABLISHED

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) have developed a national standard for enclosed cabs and enclosed cabs suitable for respiratory protection. The U.S. EPA has recognized this standard as meeting the provisions of the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) that provide for exceptions and substitutions of personal protective equipment [3 CCR, 6738(i)]. A copy of the standard and approval letter is attached.

Note that the U.S. EPA has acknowledged the important role of the Department of Pesticide Regulation in the development of this standard. It is our intention to propose referencing this national standard in the definitions of enclosed cabs in California regulations. We expect to notice a WPS cleanup action to accomplish this, and also clarify some additional points later this year.

The ASAE is also developing a national standard for closed systems that addresses both liquid and dry formulations of pesticides. At this time, we cannot project a date for final adoption and recognition by U.S. EPA of the closed system standard. We will keep you informed of important developments as they occur.

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If you have questions about either of these national standards,
please contact Dennis Gibbons, Sr. Industrial Hygienist, at (916)
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Sincerely,

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